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MAYOR CAVO ANNOUNCES DANBURY CAREER ACADEMY STEERING COMMITTEE

DANBURY, CT – Mayor Joe Cavo has announced the formation of a volunteer steering committee for the proposed Danbury Career Academy.

The steering committee will be chaired by former Mayor Mark Boughton, who has been actively involved in each developmental stage of this project.

Steering committee members:

Dr. Sal Pascarella, Superintendent of Danbury Public Schools Antonio Iadarola, Public Works Director Courtney LeBorious, DPS Director of Finance and Operations David St. Hilaire, Director of Finance Sharon Calitro, Director of Planning Dean Esposito, Chief of Staff to the Mayor Fred Visconti, City Council Member Dan Petrovich, Engineer for the City of Danbury

"The Career Academy will make a great addition to our public schools," said Mayor Joe Cavo. "It is truly an exciting opportunity for our students to find careers they may not otherwise be exposed to. The plan with the Summit and the State's reimbursement allows us to gain the critical infrastructure we need without hurting the pockets of our taxpayers."

The proposed concept for the Danbury Career Academy would provide Danbury Public School students in grades 6-12 with a unique opportunity to explore career options through hands-on experience. The proposed location for the public school is at the Summit building.

The City of Danbury will ask residents to vote on the funding for this project via a referendum planned for June. The project, estimated at \$93 million, would be reimbursed by the State of CT at 80% (~\$75 million). The Danbury Board of Education is currently working on the curriculum development for the proposed academy.